

# HOME NEWS

Court commences Tuesday October the 16.

The mountain sides are fast taking on the varied hues of autumn.

Every gun has been put into shooting condition, and there is being a good deal of powder burned.

Local issues in the campaign are causing less and less excitement and comment.

Wm. Ami. Trainer, of Bath county, committed suicide last week—strychnine.

The corn is pretty much all in shock; some are still sowing wheat. The rain of last Saturday may green the fall pasture a little.

Richard Elkins, son of the old man, nearly killed his guide by shooting him at the Cheat club house.

A literary society will be organized at the school-house on Saturday night, next. A good programme has been arranged. Ladies and all invited.

Hunt McClintic, Esq., recently sold to his brother, W. McClintic, three calves of this season that averaged in weight just 500 pounds. The largest weighed 540 pounds.

A combined, colossal, consolidated, confounded show will exhibit at Marlinton, Friday afternoon and night. If you want to see the sights, come to Marlinton that day and take a look at the court-house.

Capt. C. B. Swecker, The Silver Toned Auctioneer, will attend the Fair and court at Beverly commencing October 9th. This will be the first fair ever held in Randolph county, a good time is anticipated. Horse racing will be the feature of the Fair.

The singing convention held here last Sunday by the choirs of the various neighboring towns, was quite a success. Messrs. S. B. Moore and M. A. Friel had the meeting in charge, and a pleasant and interesting time was the result. Marlinton has the best right to claim the fall meeting of the County Musical Association, as it has never met here. This neighborhood would be glad to get it and would entertain the singers with greatest pleasure.

Speaking of Hon. Alston G. Dayton, of Phillippi, who is opposing Hon. Wm. L. Wilson's re-election, a prominent citizen of this county asked if he was a son of "Old Spence Dayton?" Someone said he was, and we were told about Mr. Dayton, Sr. It was in the days when the Southern lawyer was disbarred, and the older Dayton came to Pocahontas to do the practice. He was a shrewd lawyer, but in some particulars he was famous in the Jerry Simpson way, as he considered socks perfectly superfluous as an article of apparel. He is remembered here as a man of that sort.

Word comes of a most exciting bull race at Nimrod Hall, Bath county, Virginia. Three wild bulls were saddled and tied to the starting posts. Two of the riders are well known to our people, Mr. "Pat" Monigomery, the inimitable Irishman, and Hon. Wm. Langworthy, the genial Englishman, both gentlemen having played football on our grounds. At the word to go, the halters were cut, and two of the riders thrown off, but Mr. Montgomery is not to be thrown under any circumstances, and by whip and spur forced his unruly steed around the course and won the race.

A very nice wedding in the very tip-top of our colored Society occurred at Clover Lick, last Tuesday, at 8 a. m. o'clock, at the residence of Israel Knight, parent of the bride, when Mr. Ed. Stewart took Miss Jinnie Stewart to have and to hold for the remainder of their natural existence. Rev. W. T. Price officiated. The party repaired to the Levels to a reception, a distance of 24 miles, and the procession made quite an imposing array as they shook the dust from their chariot wheels in passing through Marlinton. At the wedding, before cutting the bride's cake, the hymn "Alas! and did my Savior bleed!" was sung by the whole party assembled, and then a colored divine announced, "We will now proceed to cut the cake!"

James Loury, Esq., has taken possession of the Barclay mill property, near Huntersville. The last slight rise of Knapp's Creek caused the bass to begin to "go down" to deep water. The "fore-bay" of the mill is formed so that when the water is shut off, to gather ahead in the dam above, that the water leaks out and the fish were left in the fore-bay, and might be taken out by the barrellfull. Mr. Loury and his neighbors caught all they could use, and he then opened all gates and let the fish run by one whole night.

The work on the court-house is progressing rapidly, and the walls rise higher every day. It is by far the most important piece of work ever undertaken in this county, and when finished will be equal in everything, except in size, to any country court-house in West Virginia. It will be something to be proud of.

## Personal.

Sam. B. Scott, Jr., took the preliminary steps before the County Court, this week, towards admission to the bar.

Mr. Hazelrigg, of Mingo, sails for his English home this week.

Mr. Frank Arbogast, of Palmer, Braxton county, is at his daughter's, Mrs. C. A. Yeager's, very much indisposed.

J. C. Price, Esq., of Clover Creek, spent some time in town this week.

James Burner, of Guley, West Virginia, was here last week. He is still employed to prevent squatters settling on a tract of wild land.

Mr. A. H. Sitlington, of Bath Alum, Virginia, was in Pocahontas this week.

## Mast.

Chestnut and white oak mast are very abundant this year in Virginia. In the West mast is scarce, and the squirrels are reported to be crossing the Ohio River by thousands. If they strike mast in West Virginia they will stop to clear it up; but they are expected to strike our State in a couple of weeks or so, and the hunters will be happy.—Clifton Forge Review.

This county is particularly blessed with all sorts of mast, this year, and as the hogs will all be fattened by eating it, it makes the corn crop equal to at least 25 per cent. more than if the mast had failed.

## Jail Delivery.

"Blacksmith" Gray, the mail contractor, who was in jail awaiting the action of the Grand Jury, got tired a-waiting, and exercising his mechanical skill, sawed the "leg" off of the padlock which fastens the hasp, which secures the door, and made his escape, on Tuesday night. The practice of the jailer is to leave the outer door unlocked so that Edgar Pryor (col.), a prisoner whose good character is such that the Sheriff gives him the liberty of the town, may come in and go to bed; the doors then being locked. Gray did his work between the dark and this time. Burley Hannah, who shared the room with him, ran at once to Jailer Doyle and told him of Gray's escape. Mr. Doyle then mounted a horse and went to the Top of Alleghany, and watched the pass all night, but to no avail. Gray is an odd character, has traveled a great deal, having been employed once on the Panama Canal, and was in jail on the charge of Mr. H. H. A. Yeager for a shady affair concerning the "running" of a mule out of the State to escape process of law. Gray's friends, enemies, and creditors do not expect to see him again soon.

Gray tied Burley Hannah's hands, while asleep, and gagged him with a handkerchief. Hannah is lying in jail in a helpless condition on a *capias pro fine*, not having the money to pay up, and he deserves great credit for giving the alarm, as he did. Gray took the lock with him. A case knife with notched edges was found, supposed to have been used in making another knife fit for the purpose of sawing the lock. It has been the common opinion that the doors of the jail could be opened in this very manner.

Watch this space.

## Another Robbery.

This time it is the burglary committed on R. E. Overholt & Sons' store, at Buckeye. No one sleeps in the store-building, and on going to his store last Saturday morning, Mr. Albert Overholt discovered that his store had been broken open during the night. The thieves had broken a pane of glass and pryed off several iron bars in forcing their entrance. They stole three suits of clothes, some underwear, some pistol cartridges, and all of the jewelry, the whole loss being estimated at about \$50.

Two unknown parties are suspected. They were seen in the immediate vicinity of the store the evening before, and their actions in Marlinton the next day were very suspicious. They came to where the men were working on court-house, and tried to find work. One claimed to be a granite cutter and the other a first-class carpenter, showing Mr. E. D. King, the contractor for the carpenter work of the court-house, a recommendation from the Standard Oil Company. Mr. King hired him, but he left without coming to work. He gave his name as O'Donnell.

## Public Speaking.

We are authorized to advertise as speakers for the first day of court, Tuesday, October 16, 1894, Hon. John D. Alderson and Col. J. W. St. Clair, of Fayette. It would be impossible to obtain two speakers from the whole list, who would be greeted with as much interest as these two gentlemen. Both are orators of no mean ability; Mr. Alderson is our Representative, and he has not been a nonentity in Congress, by any means, and having been placed before the public so often by the press of the district, an opportunity to see him and hear him talk will be welcomed; as for Col St. Clair, if you want to get something stirred up inside you that has been lying dormant for years, come out and hear him tell about the "Democratic Party."

Hon. C. T. Smith and others will speak at the following places in this county, each day at 2 p. m.: Split Rock, Monday, October 22nd Green Bank, Tuesday, " 23rd Huntersville, Wednesday " 24th Marlinton, Thursday, " 25th Academy, Friday, " 26th Hon. W. A. Bratton will accompany Mr. Smith.

## A Droop Blast.

Editor Pocahontas Times: As you had a brief article in your paper some time since concerning the Droop Mountain battle ground and how to secure a cannon ball as a war relic. Yes any one may possess it by a little chopping, and I am here to say that nothing would be of more interest to the people of Pocahontas than a full and accurate statement of their only battle fought during the civil war. Countless numbers of musket balls are found imbedded in the sand, for an abundant supply of this article the Droop is celebrated, as all wagoners can tell you, from woeful experience. Tourists and pleasure seekers, come to our mountain home and secure the service of one of our many citizens as a pilot, there are many old gentlemen here who would appreciate a pilot ship very much. I would mention some names if it were not for one thing and that is this; some people you know go almost crazy when they see their name in print, and will even send the editor a head of cabbage or a pound of butter gratis.

We do not wish to become egotistical, but we will say we are a light and free hearted people. Moreover, the Droop Mountain occupies the center of the earth as a proof of the fact you will notice when you are here that the sky comes down all around the mountain. Come and see us. MUX.

## Confederate Veterans.

The Confederate Veterans of this county will meet at Marlinton, on Wednesday, October 17th, (second day of court) and form a camp. This is according to an arrangement made by several prominent soldiers. Mr. Wm. M. McCallister, Commander of the Bath County Camp, has been written to, and will, no doubt, be present to aid in forming an organization. The public speaking will prevent this being attended on the first day of court.

## The Englishman Ate no Hay.

An Englishman stopped for dinner with one of the many men who kept "entertainment" for travelers. He had his horse put up, and at dinner he ate only roasting ears, to the number of a dozen, perhaps. He offered the landlord fifty cents, the usual price for dinner and horse-feed, but was given back ten cents, with explanation by the hotel keeper that when he did not furnish hay, he only charged fifteen cents for a feed of corn.

## County Court.

County Court convened last Tuesday, for its regular October Term. Very little business of importance transacted. About \$2,600 was ordered to be paid on the new court-house. Some road overseers were appointed, and the commissioners of election, which list will be published in this paper next week. An order was made for the election of three Justices and five Constables, in the several vacancies existing in the county.

## Call for Convention.

A district convention for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for the offices of Justice, Constable, President of the Board of Education, and Commissioner of the Board of Education of Edray District, Pocahontas county, West Virginia, will meet in Marlinton, on October 13th, 1894, at 1 p. m. By order of the District Democratic Committee. L. M. McCLINTIC, Chairman.

## Buckeye.

Fine weather since the rain. Corn cutters laid away to rest until another year.

Farmers are making an effort to raise plenty of wheat next year.

The wild animals—raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, etc., can find plenty to eat this year.—chestnuts, acorns, beechnuts, and hickory nuts.

Mr. Abe Hannah got thrown from his cart, last Sunday, near Academy, and got his eye blacked. So he postponed going to see his girl till Sunday.

McNeill brothers are off to Staunton, with their merry-go-round.

A feast of weddings last week three in Pocahontas, and one in Greenbrier county.

Some robbers broke into R. E. Overholt & Son's store, last Friday night and took three suits of clothes, some jewelry, and other articles, amounting probably to fifty dollars or more. The thieves managed to get the iron rods torn loose and went in at the window. From information gained they are supposed to be the same fellows that attempted to rob Capt. Edgar, last autumn.

Mr. Andrew Kellison and daughter and others from Harrison County are visiting friends and relatives in this county.

Mr. O. E. McKeever and wife were visiting on Swago last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Adkins is ill but she is now mending. She is attended by Dr. McClintic.

Miss Anna Silva, Mrs. J. B. McNeill, and Mr. Geo. Doyle have diphtheria. KINDERGARTEN.

## Wanless Items

Sowing wheat and corn cutting is the order of the day.

Mr. W. H. Hull is buying stock for market in this vicinity, and will drive in a few days.

Mr. S. C. Sutton was in this part last week on business. Mr. Samuel Sutton and daughter in law, Mrs. F. C. Sutton of Green Bank and Miss Carte Scales of Mill Point were the guests of Mrs. Jacob Cassell and William Cassell the 22 and 23 inst. Mr. Thomas Moore and wife were the guests of Mr. T. R. Beverage last Saturday.

Mrs. Squire Hevener visited Mrs. C. C. Wanless her former home the 22 and 23 inst.

Mrs. O. C. Wanless has been quite ill but is convalescent at this writing.

Mr. G. B. Slaven of Gillespie made a pleasant call at Mr. W. Cassell's the 23 inst.

Mr. T. R. Beverage finished making and raising cane.

Mr. W. E. Sutton is hauling goods for Mr. B. McElwee, of Dunmore.

Mrs. Mattie Sutton is visiting friends and relatives near Green Bank and Glade Hill.

Mr. Anderson Gragg, has moved on his brother's farm, we wish him success at his new home.

Mr. Chas. Cassell has returned from Cheat River and is prospecting on his land. Charles says he has found a good vein of coal. We are glad he has such news for coal is needed here to a certain extent. Mr. Ed Malcomb of Clover Creek was visiting Miss Matilda Malcomb of this place. WOOD CHUCK.

## Lobelia.

Corn cutting and seeding done; we had a fine rain Saturday night.

Mr. B. W. Hill was on the Creek buying stock to ship. He returned from market last week with a smile on his face.

This civil community was disgusted to learn that W. M. Deen and J. O. Hill, had a falling out about some hogs; we learn that there was some blood shed, Mr. Deen had to have Wm. Bruffey to sew up his wounds.

There has been two hogs and one sheep to go mad in this community and die.

Chestnuts are getting ripe and there is a fine crop of them.

James, and Milam Brown, was sent to the Lewisburg Jail, for disturbing public worship at Sugar Grove. The law in Greenbrier is to make a man work out his fine on public works. Let Pocahontas do the same, and we will have better roads, and better men and boys. OBSERVER.

## Clover Creek.

Fine rain Saturday evening.

Mr. Charley Williams and wife have been visiting at this place.

Woods Dilley and wife are gone to Randolph on a visit.

Mr. R. H. Courtney is spending a few days in our midst.

Mr. E. H. Showalter has found several bee-trees. He sold his pet deer to Rand Dudley.

Mr. Bernard Hamrick says that he has killed all the ground hogs except one black, and that he is going to kill it.

The most of the lambs have been sold. Some buyers are offering 3 cts. There is a demand for good fat hogs. A buyer from Driftwood the other day wanted a carload.

There is a good yield of mast in this section, of oak, beech, and chestnuts.

Corn is pretty good and all cut up, we had some frost last week but nothing hurt.

Mr. Jas. Burner and brother were in this part lately.

Rev. J. Beverage and J. Miller preached for us Friday Saturday and Sunday. Communion services on Sunday, when the church would not begin to hold the people.

Politics is the song now. Let all Democrats stick to their party and they will if they are Democrats. INQUIRER

## Green Bank.

We are having fine growing weather, wish fine rains and fall pasture is growing fine.

There will be a sacramental service at Liberty Church on the 7th inst. at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. F. Alexander.

Rev. W. H. Ballingee and wife of Ronceverte was visiting in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. J. S. Smith and son and daughter of Mill Point and Mrs. Cam. Clark and children of Academy were visiting relatives in this vicinity last week and returned Monday.

Mr. L. N. Mooman will leave Tuesday for Baltimore where he will attend school. We extend well wishes to him.

The Children's Day services at Liberty, in which the Green Bank and Liberty schools formed a union, was very largely attended and both schools acquitted themselves creditably, as the recitations, reading, and singing was fine with a good collection, and all left satisfied with the day.

Mr. J. H. Patterson and Mrs. Dr. Cunningham of Marlinton are visiting in this neighborhood at this time.

Mr. M. F. Herold and sister of Frost was the guests of W. H. Hull last Saturday night.

Mr. H. M. Moore of Dunmore was in town last Saturday.

J. H. Curry says that the finger that was amputated sometime ago and is buried in the Levels still hurts him at times as it did while on.

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